Middle School Team Report: 2006-07 Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant All Teams Meeting June 8, 2007

The middle school team completed their research on best practice and preparation for middle school teachers and proposed revised requirements for the middle school endorsement. The proposal was presented to the Board of Educational Examiners and is now filed under notice of intended action.

The public hearing on the rule is on August 22, 2007 and the input from that hearing will be shared with the Board of Educational Examiners at their October 5, 2007 meeting.

The team believes that we have accomplished many of the goals of the grant through our work. We believe we are <u>raising standards</u> by requiring more specific content course work in the middle school endorsement requirements. We believe this will ultimately <u>increase student achievement</u> because the teachers will have a stronger content base.

The recipients of the middle school grants will present their findings at the summit next fall.

Respectfully submitted,

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